

“DON'T BE BUSY, BE PRODUCTIVE”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ We will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines and act accordingly.
- ❖ April 21, 2020 – General Plan Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm via Zoom, check Town website for Zoom information
- ❖ April 28, 2020 – Town Council Meeting, CANCELLED
- ❖ April 29, 2020 – ASU Project Cities Showcase, virtual presentation
- ❖ April 30, 2020 – Town Council Budget Meeting, 8:30 – 5:00 pm, Location TBD
- ❖ May 1, 2020 - Town Council Budget Meeting, 8:30 – 12:00 pm, Location TBD

Town Manager –

Town offices will be closed until April 30th to the public.

I continue to participate in calls and virtual meetings for the COVID-19 virus. There are conversations beginning regarding guidelines for returning to opening businesses and returning to work. I have had discussions with administrators in Texas, Montana, Colorado and Arizona regarding how we can move forward with returning to a new normal. I will keep all apprised of how we may start this roll out in the month of May.

We hosted the first Council Candidate Orientation this week via Zoom. This was an opportunity for each department head to give background on their responsibilities and projects. This will assist candidates with answering questions from constituents. Thank you to all the staff that prepared and participated in the orientation. We look forward to working with Council Candidates in the future.

ASU Project –

Ruth Mayday met via Zoom with Steven Russell with ASU to develop goals, objectives, and deliverables for fall projects. Should we be able to identify funding sources, we will be having them research housing and housing options, and further developing tourism, especially slow tourism. ASU's housing research will help with the consultant study being done by Elliot Pollock Consultants for the Verde Valley.

Upcoming Elections -

Final candidate submissions on April 6th:

- **Mayoral Candidates:** Doug Von Gausig (incumbent), Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer;
- **Four-Year Councilmember Seats (2 available):** Debbie Hunseder (incumbent), Marney Babbitt-Pierce;
- **Two-Year Councilmember Seat (1 available):** Alicia O'Neill

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Budget meetings will take place April 30, 2020, from 8:30 to 5:00 pm and May 1, 2020, from 8:30 to 12 pm.
- Kathy Cwiok will be scheduling some budget meetings next Monday and Tuesday with staff to refine some budget items. Please look out for meeting invites to get this accomplished.
- The 2020-21 Health Insurance Benefit Open Enrollments will begin on May 7, 2020. There will be further information coming in the near future.

Yavapai County COVID-19 Update

4/17/2020 9:30:00 AM

Yavapai County			Arizona			
Confirmed Cases: 71	Deaths: 1	Recoveries: 5	Cases: 4507	Deaths: 169		
Yavapai Case Locations	Yavapai Tests		Yavapai Case Details			
Cottonwood	9	Total Tested	1875	Age	Count	
Prescott	16	Negative	1804	0 to 17	7	
Prescott Valley	15	Positive	71	18 to 44	11	
Sedona	10			45 to 54	11	
Other Quad Cities	9			55 to 64	15	
Other Verde	7	Hospitalizations			65 to 74	17
Mayer	5	YRMC3	11 PUI (West Campus)	75 and older	10	
			4 PUI (East Campus)	Male	29	
		VVMC5	14 PUI	Female	42	
		VA	1 0 PUI			
		* A PUI is an in-patient who has been admitted for care that has been tested for COVID-19 with results still pending.				
		* These numbers are only COVID-19 related hospitalizations.				

[Testing Sites in Yavapai County](#)
[Emergency Operations Center Personal Protection Equipment \(PPE\) Donations](#)

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parks and Recreation Event, Program and Activity Reports –

- Verde Front – Staff attended via Zoom the Community Engagement Working Group meeting on 4/14. With the overall goal of building a culture of stewardship in the Verde Valley to achieve the vision and mission of the Verde Front. Focus areas include:
 - Youth Engagement - expand education and outdoor experiences for youth regionally. Support and integrate science into outdoor education efforts in the Verde Valley Schools (NRCD Education Center), and existing festivals, programs, and events in the Verde Valley.

- Career Pathways - develop watershed-related career paths (natural resources, parks management, etc.).
- Public Outreach - engage all ages, promote awareness, improve trails and signage, improve and share story maps.
- Volunteerism - increase coordination and collaboration among existing volunteer programs in the Verde Valley.
- Community Health and Safety - assess needs and opportunities, including health and wellness initiatives.

Verde River @ Clarkdale -

- A 2020 River Runner Permit has officially been issued to Adventure Encounter/OAC. Their trip allotments are:
 - 1,400 Commercial Guided Recreational
 - 500 Commercial Unguided Recreational
 - 300 Commercial Interpretive/Educational
- Staff has received several calls and emails regarding issuance/renewal of Verde River @ Clarkdale membership passes. Four applications (1 new, 3 renewals) have been processed and issued via US mail in the past 2 weeks.

Social Media Updates -

Posts this week include: Volunteer appreciation (Certificate) to honor our volunteers and a notice about Clarkdale Park amenities closures. We reached over 1900 people on the park equipment closures on Facebook alone (Yavapai County Comm Health Services, Verde Valley Fire District as well as various other community members shared this post.) We also have 2,106 people following our Facebook page now (increase of 126 in the last two months.)



In addition, a Local Alerts Function is now set up for our TOC Facebook page.

Tagging a post as a 'Local Alert' increases exposure and visibility on Facebook. All followers as well as community members living in a certain area (who have opted in to 'Community Alerts') will receive the notice. Facebook marks it with an explanation mark to show that the post is important and meeting the following requirements:

1. **Urgent and time-sensitive.** Speed matters.
2. **Need-to-know.** Very important.
3. **Actionable.** May lead people to act.
4. **Local.** Matters for people living in a specific area (vs. of national importance).
5. **Relevant to the public at large.** Broadly applicable.

Some recommendations for local alerts are:

- Public health emergencies from public health agencies
 - Road closure
 - Traffic alert
 - Storm warning
 - Flash flood warning
 - Change / suspension in service (e.g., trains, garbage pickup, etc.)
 - Blackout
 - Missing person case
 - Police emergency
- The first concert of the season has been canceled. The Verde Valley Big Band has asked for the cancelation due to a lack of rehearsal time because of COVID-19. We may be able to reschedule them to later in the summer depending on how things play out with the virus.

*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
UPDATES*

- General Plan Committee – Meeting will be held on April 21, 2020 via Zoom. The committee will discuss elements of the general plan and what each element involves.
- Code Enforcement – No new complaints received this week.
- Tuzigoot Road – Justin Vitarello submitted his site plan for his project; it has been distributed for PAR review and comments.
- Trails - Mike is working with Aravaipa Running as they plan a 250-mile foot race from Black Canyon City to Flagstaff. The race is planned for May of 2021 and they hope to pass through Clarkdale. Specific routes yet to be determined.

Weekly Report

ITEM	DETAILS	FEE
ANIMAL PERMIT	01167 - CHICKENS / 146 W. FOY DR	\$10.00
BUILDING PERMITS	092637 - FENCE / 2135 AUSTIN WAY	\$25.00
		\$35.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Major incidents reported to the department for the week of 4/8 through 4/14/20:

- 4/9/20 – A resident of Mountain Gate reported threatening calls to Officer Godina. Officer Godina was familiar with this type of scam and was able to assure the resident that he was in no danger.
- 4/13/20 - Officer Guth and SRO Brundridge responded to a report of shots fired between Mingus Shadows and Pine Shadows. They were unable to locate any suspects but they did learn what an “arroyo” is.
- 4/13/20 - Officer Guth entered a runaway juvenile into the nationwide system. The juvenile is also wanted for a probation violation. Officer Lohman and SRO Brundridge assisted.
- 4/14/20 - Officer Lohman handled a harassment call at an apartment complex. Management was notified and is taking-action on the disorderly subject.

Total Calls	34
Calls Criminal in Nature	3
Traffic Stops	1
Citations	0
Warnings	1
Citations – non-traffic	0
Requests for Citizen Assistance	4
Animal Problems	4
Requests by Other Agencies for Assistance	3
Responses to Calls at the RAPs	2
Domestic Violence Calls	0

Calls at the RAPs

- 4/12/20 - SRO Brundridge contacted two women fishing under Tuzigoot Bridge after-hours and informed them the area is day-use only.
- 4/14/20 - SRO Brundridge and Officer Guth stopped several juveniles from throwing rocks off Tuzigoot Bridge at people fishing below. Their parents were also contacted.

Notable Events

- 4/12/20 - Verde River Ambassador and Varsity Coach Andrea Meyer and members of the Mingus High School girls’ tennis team picked up trash along Broadway and Clarkdale Parkway for a socially-distant community project. They picked up 6 big bags of trash. Thank you!
- 4/15/20 – The Police Department’s physical fitness test has been postponed till later in the summer.

PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES UPDATES

- With the implementation of a hiring freeze due to the downturn in revenue, the Public Works Department has less personnel than normal. Water Services Division and Public Works are sharing personnel at this time. This will cause a dramatic decrease in availability for projects until we can get back to some sense of normal. Thank you for your understanding.

- The speed trailer continues to be an asset for the town and Police Department. The longer the trailer sits out, there is a decrease in motorist speed. The trailer is currently located near the Centerville development.
- Paperwork has been submitted to ADOT for the Broadway Overlay Project.

Water Main Breaks, Leaks & Misc. Call-Outs

- There were no water leaks reported this week.

